



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Francis Nguyen—District 8
Brian Quint—District 10

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, September 02, 2015

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Chair Jimenez called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm
- Commissioners Del Real and Brooks-Immel Absent

II. Public Comment

(Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today’s Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission - Speakers are limited to 2 minutes).

- Velma Million spoke to the Commission about preserving Lake Cunningham Park and keeping it beautiful, asking the Commission to look into the Bike Park.
- Norma Zuniga spoke about her concerns regarding Mt. Pleasant Park
- Chris Clark also expressed concerns about Mt. Pleasant Park
- Paul Zuniga expressed concern with adult soccer leagues taking over Mt. Pleasant Park
- Pamela Dougherty expressed concern about the completion of Pellier Park and other pocket parks near St. James Park.
- Larry Ames introduced himself and shared information/update about The Three Creeks Trail trestle bridge.

III. Announcements

- Chair Jimenez mentioned Commissioner Del Real of D3 was appointed to the Guadalupe River Park Confluence Area Activation Strategy stakeholder’s group.
- Commissioner Quint shared information on the Kelley Park Master Plan stakeholder’s meeting and the upcoming community meetings scheduled on November 5, 2015 and January 14, 2016.

IV. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the Minutes of August 5, 2015
- B. Approve the Attendance Report
- C. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission
- D. Development Project Updates

Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of August 5, 2015. (2) Attendance Report for August 5, 2015. (3) Documents received during Public Comment.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Quint and carried unanimously, the Commission minutes and attendance report were approved. (9-0-1. Absent: Brooks-Immel)

V. Reports

- A. **Chair; None**
- B. **Director;** Steve Hammack reported on the following:
 - The City Council authorized staff to obtain bids for the Lake Cunningham Bike Park.
 - Happy Hollow Foundation's Hoot & Howl fundraiser event is on September 12, 2015.
- C. **Council and Commission**
 - 1. **Council Liaison;** Michele Dexter – reported on the following:
 - Comanche Park ribbon cutting.
 - Almaden Art & Wine Festival.
 - 2. **Senior Citizens Commission;** no member present
 - 3. **Youth Commission;** no member present
- D. **Department Staff**
 - 1. **Viva CalleSJ**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Suzanne Wolf, dated August 12, 2015, introducing the item. (2) Presentation providing an overview of the October 11, 2015, Viva CalleSJ event.

Ed Solis, Recreation Superintendent, PRNS & Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Biking Coalition, provided the presentation.

Commission discussion ensued.

Ed Solis and Shiloh Ballard responded to Commissioner questions.

2. **PDO/PIO Overview**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from David McCormic, dated August 17, 2015, recommending acceptance of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance and Parkland Impact Ordinance Briefing. (2) Presentation providing a PDO/PIO overview.

David McCormic, Associate Landscape Designer presented an overview of

the Parkland Dedication and Parkland Impact Ordinances.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

David McCormic responded to Commissioner questions.

VI. New & Returning Business

A. Parkland Fees Adjustments

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Marybeth Harasz, dated August 19, 2015, recommending to adjust the Schedule of Parkland Fees. (2) Memorandum from Marybeth Harasz, dated August 18, 2014, recommending acceptance of the proposed 2014 Schedule of Parkland Fees.

David McCormic, Associate Landscape Designer presented an overview proposed changes to the Schedule of Parkland Fees.

Chair Jimenez opened the item for public testimony.

Public Comments: Kirk Vartan spoke land deficiencies and the value of an acre. He also mentioned considering creating parkland above ground.

Commission discussion ensued

David McCormic and Matt Cano, Assistant Director of PRNS, responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Ahluwalia, seconded by Commissioner Quint, the motion carried unanimously. The Parkland Fee Adjustments were accepted. (9-0-1. Absent: Brooks-Immel)

B. St. James Park Revitalization & Downtown Parks District

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Matt Cano, dated August 19, 2015, introducing the item. (2) A SPUR publication titled, "A Roadmap for St. James Park." (3) Memorandum from Toni J. Taber, dated June 12, 2014, indicating a Rules and Open Government Committee directive regarding the Downtown High Rise Incentive Program and Establishment of a Downtown Parks Maintenance District.

Matt Cano, Assistant Director of PRNS provided the Commission with historical information and highlighted key elements of the revitalization efforts and vision.

Chair Jimenez opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: Kirk Vartan asked several questions regarding fees and made reference to the Quimby Act.

John Legba spoke to squares in San Francisco, being park and small space deficient

and suggested potential funds diversion.

Deborah Arant spoke against diverting fees to fund St. James Park.

Phil Mastrocola shared his advocacy for providing homes for all.

Larry Ames expressed concern about giving away money that could have gone to regional parks within a 3 mile radius.

Robert Aguirre expressed being a homeless advocate and shared his concern for the homeless population in parks.

Scott Knies spoke in support of a maintenance district/parks management district, calling it an investment.

Commission discussion ensued.

Matt Cano responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Quint, seconded by Commissioner Woolfe, the motion carried unanimously. The staff report was accepted without the proposed funding method. (9-0-1. Absent: Brooks-Immel)

C. Calpine Air Quality Monitoring Station

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Teri Killgore, dated August 19, 2015, recommending the City Council to consider locating an air quality monitoring station in Los Paseos Park. (2) Memorandum with attachments from Dave Mitchell, dated April 16, 2015, recommending the City Council to consider locating an air quality monitoring station in Los Paseos Park.

Teri Killgore, Assistant to the City Manager, Office of the City Manager, introduced the item and Dave Mitchell provided background information.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Teri Killgore and Dave Mitchell responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Woolfe, seconded by Vice Chair Flores, the motion carried unanimously. The request to advise the City Council to consider locating an air quality monitoring station in Los Paseos Park was accepted. (8-1-1. Noes: Ahluwalia. Absent: Brooks-Immel)

D. 2015-16 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Work Plan

Documents Filed: (1) 2015 – 2016 Draft Work Plan for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Steve Hammack, Deputy Director of Parks, PRNS, highlighted items on the draft work plan and recommended adding a golf audit item to the work plan for the October meeting.

Additional items discussed:

- St. James Park funding update
- Softball fields
- Recreation class programming update
- Open space joint use in D5 (foothill)

Action: Vice Chair moved to accept the work plan, seconded by Commissioner Quint. The motion carried unanimously, accepting the 2015-16 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan with the addition of the golf item. (9-0-1. Absent: Brooks-Immel)

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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